

**National Talent Search Examination**  
National Council of Educational Research and Training  
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016

**National Talent Search Scheme** started in the year 1963. The purpose of the scheme is to identify talented students and nurture them. This year NCERT will conduct the **National Talent Search Examination** for students studying in **Class X**.

1. **Scholarships:** On the basis of the National Talent Search Examination, 1000 scholarships will be awarded. The amount of scholarship will be as under:
  - (a) Scholarship of Rs.1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.
  - (b) Scholarship of Rs.2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.
  - (c) Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D. be fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.
2. **Reservation:** 15% scholarships will be reserved for students belonging to the **SC** category, 7.5% scholarships for students belonging to the **ST** category and 3% for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.
3. **Selection:** There will be two-stage selection process for award of scholarship. For Stage-I, selection will be done by States/UTs through a written examination. Students, who qualify **Stage- I**, will be eligible to appear for **Stage-II** examination, conducted by NCERT.
4. **Important Dates:** Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination, are given below:

Stage	Area	Tentative Dates
Stage-I (State)	Last Date for Submission of Application Form	31st August, 2014*
	Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2014
	Examination in All other States and Union Territories	2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2014
Stage-II (National)	Examination in All States and Union Territories	10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (Sunday)

\* However, it may vary from state to state.

5. **Eligibility:** All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage -I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the schools are located. There will be no domicile restriction.
6. **Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows:
  - **Stage I** examination at the State/UT level will comprise of two parts, namely (a) Mental Ability Test (MAT) and (b) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which also includes Language Comprehensive Test.
  - **The pattern of stage II** examination will be intimated in due course.

